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8/17	5:40	6:08	11:20	
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8/19	7:37	7:58	1:21	1:21
8/20	8:29	8:48	2:11	2:16
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WCM readying for new liquor licenses

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH
Cape May Star and Wave

WEST CAPE MAY - The Borough of West Cape May took another step toward issuing two liquor licenses in town as a way of raising revenue for city coffers.

The Board of Commissioners introduced Ordinance 429-09 providing rules for selling liquor in the borough.

According to Mayor Pam Kaithern the commissioners discussed the ordinance, which was introduced July 22, and allowed it to be moved forward to the Aug. 26 meeting when it is scheduled for a public hearing and final adoption.

The ordinance sets parameters which will allow potential bidders to know what they are bidding on when they seek to obtain a liquor license from the borough. The borough is offering two licenses: a class C (consumption) license, which the borough plans to offer to a restaurant, and a class D (distribution) license, which would go to a package store.

"If (the ordinance) passes we can put the licenses out to bid," Kaithern said.

The actual amount the borough receives will be determined by the bids received. Speculation is the borough could receive \$750,000 to \$1 million per license. The ordinance also calls for a yearly license fee of \$2,500 per license.

The ordinance also sets forth hours for the sale of alcoholic beverages - from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. for the con-

sumption license and from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. for package goods. Retail sales would be from noon to 10 p.m. on Sundays.

The ordinance also requires that if a business owner wishes to have live entertainment, it must end one hour before the sale of alcohol must stop, which means music must stop by 9 p.m.

Section 10 of the ordinance requires all licensees to have air-conditioning so that windows and doors of the establishment would remain closed.

Any licensee who obtains a license must operate more than 1,000 feet from any public building, school, or house of worship, the latter of which there are presently none in West Cape May.

The borough has also decided not to issue club licenses, which some communities issue to non-profit associations for "benevolent, charitable, fraternal, social, religious, recreational, athletic, or similar purposes."

The revenue the borough receives from the sale of the license and the annual fees will go into a dedicated fund for tax relief in the borough.

Kaithern said the borough is putting together bid specifications and will set a date for the bid after the ordinance is passed on second reading. Kaithern said the borough has opted to receive sealed bids for the liquor licenses, and is hoping the bids would be received in September, with the licenses being issued sometime in the fall.

Lower bonds \$436,000 for general improvements

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH
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LOWER TOWNSHIP - Township Council introduced a \$436,000 bond ordinance, last week, including \$205,860 for a split bodied recycling vehicle.

Lower Township Manager Kathy McPherson said the purchase is part of a vehicle replacement plan, which goes six years out. The split body vehicle allows the township to separate paper products from glass and plastic containers.

The township is also planning to spend \$59,119 for two 4-wheel drive police vehicles and \$61,230 for a utility body for a fleet maintenance vehicle and a leaf vac body. Part of a \$23,225 appropriation is for an animal control unit for a pick-up truck, with the

remainder going to parking lot sealer and striping.

The township asked for \$12,668 for improvements to the court area including painting and new carpeting. The court originally asked for \$35,000, but the township reduced the amount by using funds in the existing capital budget to do some of the work.

The bond ordinance will also allow the township to replace the gym floor at the recreation center for \$73,898. McPherson said the amount was arrived at by calling for an estimate, but the project still has to go to bid. The cost and the time the gym would be closed for installation of the new floor would be part of the contract.

McPherson said some items were eliminated from the ordinance.

A most whimsical weekend in Cape May



Jennifer Kopp and Chelsea Smith
Cape May Star and Wave

You know it's summer in Cape May when ...

The City of Cape May holds its 77th Annual Baby Parade, above, the Captain Kidd (Will Mendo) Treasure Hunt, left, as well as co-sponsoring a sand-sculpture contest. For more photos and contest results, see pages A12 and B1.



Cape May's 400th Anniversary Celebration events

CAPE MAY - If you have been following the local news this season, you are no doubt aware that the Cape May area has been busy commemorating the 1609 visit of Henry

Hudson and his crew on the Half Moon and has been celebrating the 400th anniversary of that visit with various historic and fun activities.

The kick-off Gala Ball in

February, The Frolic of the Beards contest, numerous lectures, The Hans Brinker show by East Lynne Theatre Company and the Old Fogey Chronicles by Cape May

Stage - most of these activities and others are behind us now, as the party leads up to Cape May's 400th Anniversary Beachfront Celebration on Saturday, Aug. 29. There will be an all-day Cape May Classic Beach Volleyball Tournament, the Grand 400th Parade starting at 11 a.m., The Beach Party on Stockton Beach, 3 to 8 p.m., featuring deejay Jerry Blavat, and at 8 p.m. a showing of the movie, "Blackbeard's Ghost" behind Convention Hall. All events are free, and residents and visitors are encouraged to



Judge Frank Visser

attend. In addition that weekend, the City of Cape May and the 400th Anniversary Celebration Committee will be hosting numerous dignitaries from the Netherlands and some local ones as well. On Thursday, Aug. 27, at 8:30 p.m. there will be a world premiere presentation of the comedy, "The People vs. Johan van Buren," a collaboration between Honorable Judge Frank Visser from Hilversum, Netherlands and Gayle Stahlhuth, Artistic

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Christopher South/Cape May Star and Wave

Traffic was detoured for several hours after a car pulling a boat left the road and struck a utility pole. According to Lt. Thomas Keywood of the Lower Township Police Department, on Aug. 8 at around 11:16 a.m., Angleo Cileone III, 200 block of Teal Avenue, Rio Grande was traveling south on Route 9 when he saw a vehicle stopped to make a left turn onto Myrna Avenue. Cileone allegedly told police his SUV, pulling a 24-foot Baja powerboat was too heavy to make a stop, so he swerved right to avoid hitting the stopped vehicle. Cileone's vehicle then struck the utility pole breaking it in half. Keywood said part of the pole fell on another vehicle. According to Keywood, the officer filing the report noted sections of brake lines were missing and the ends of the lines were rusted. Cileone was cited for careless driving and operating an unsafe vehicle.

Honoring a father's memory

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH
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LOWER TOWNSHIP - When Douglas Alcorn, 48, passed away Aug. 2, 2002 from a heart attack, his daughter Missy thought it was the saddest day of her life. But when the first anniversary of her father's death came around, Missy knew she could either spend the day grieving or use the occasion to celebrate her father's memory - and to celebrate life. Now it's become an annual tradition.

"Every Aug. 4 we go celebrate the day, celebrate life...celebrate everyone you ever lost," she said. "Enjoy

every breath."

Alcorn said the day started out as a way of remembering and honoring her father, but now she feels it's for everyone who participates, because from the beginning, Alcorn has made this a group event.

She started inviting people from the beginning, and the second year she had 12 people join her to see the musical group Lincoln Park at the Tweeter Center in Camden. Last year she had 18 people join her for kayaking, ending up at the Harbor View Restaurant for lunch.

"We went kayaking a couple years. We went to concerts on different years. And there's

always lunch. It's a whole day of activities," she said.

Last year, Alcorn was third runner up at "Rock, Paper, Scissors Contest" at Harpoon Henry's.

This year Alcorn decided to have the group, including her mother, Joy Sanchez, go skydiving at Freefall Adventures in Williamstown. Alcorn went skydiving for the first time in May, and had such a great time she wanted to do it again on Aug. 4.

Alcorn said this time was different because the instructors had them doing more, flips in the air, controlling their chute more, and so on.

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